

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2453
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CONSERVATION OF SACRED GROVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for seeking financial assistance for conservation of Sacred. Groves (Deverakadu) in Kodagu District is pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) The said proposal is not pending with the Central Government.
- (b) & (c) The proposal on Conservation of Sacred Groves (Deverakadu) in Kodagu District as received from the State government suffered from certain inadequacies like lack of scientific details about gap planting, proposed intermingling of exotic species, and non-indication of appropriate soil manipulation, and canopy management of existing tree vegetation among others. The State Government of Karnataka has been requested to reformulate the proposal in consultation with Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.